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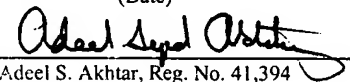
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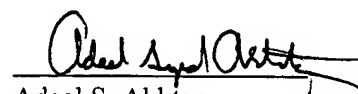
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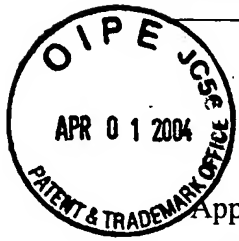
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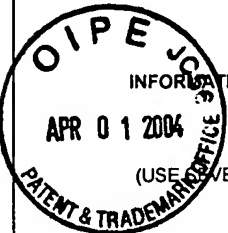
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	5,044,943	09/03/91	Bowman et al.			
	2	5,527,393	06/18/96	Sato et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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